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FORMER EDISON LITTLE LEAGUE COACH PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

NEWARK, N.J. – A former Edison, New Jersey Little League coach pleaded guilty today to possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Everett Abney, 42, of Edison, pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Stanley R. Chesler to an Information charging him with possessing the criminal images.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in Newark federal court:

Abney was a coach for Edison's Midtown National Little League at the time federal agents interviewed him at his home February 4, 2009. During a review of Abney's computer subsequent to the interview, law enforcement officers found several hundred images of child pornography, including multiple depictions of prepubescent minors.

At his plea, Abney admitted that for approximately a year and a half, he regularly searched the Internet for images of child pornography, using sexually suggestive terms such as "pedo," "teen," and "youngteen," to find the images. He downloaded the images from the Internet or through file-sharing software and saved them to his computer.

Judge Chesler continued Abney's \$100,000 bail until sentencing, scheduled for October 14, 2010. A condition of Abney's bail is that he have no contact with minors. At sentencing, Abney faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward in Newark, with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Lee Vartan of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

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Defense counsel: David Holman, Esq., Federal Public Defender, Newark, N.J.